

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on January 26, 2007
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 344, 1/22/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:09 Rep. Jack Wells (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 344, Right to work.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:31 Roald Torgerson
00:14:47 Dave Kasten, House District 30
00:17:17 Rick Jore, House District 12
00:18:34 Greg Hagenston

EXHIBIT (buh18a01)

00:20:07 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:21:38 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

EXHIBIT (buh18a02)

00:22:19 John Hagen

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:33 Jason Miller, Montana State AFL-CIO

EXHIBIT (buh18a03)

00:28:17 Jacquie Helt, Local 247, Montana AFL-CIO
00:30:58 Quentin Nyman, Montana Public Employees' Association (MPEA)
00:32:15 Brad Molnar
00:36:48 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association
00:39:24 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
00:42:29 J. D. Lynch, Montana State Building Trades
00:44:12 Jim Larson, Teamster's Union
00:44:26 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)
00:46:09 Annie Glover, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers
00:46:28 Jim Farrell, Montana Democratic Party
00:47:25 Don Kinman, American Federal State/County Municipal Employees
00:47:56 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
00:48:11 Dan Flynn
00:48:29 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers
00:48:44 Jim Murray
00:49:07 Mike Boysza, Carpenters' Union
00:49:20 Kim Greco

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:47 Rep. Furey
00:50:11 Rep. Wells
00:51:32 Rep. Milburn
00:52:18 Mr. Miller
00:53:28 Mr. Nyman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:23 Rep. Wells

ADJOURNMENT

01:07:25 Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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